

New Boston Deliberative Meeting  
February 4, 2013

Moderator Jed Callen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Tom Mansfield Gymnasium. Moderator Callen explained that he had been asked by New Boston's Town Moderator, Lee Nyquist, to act as Moderator pro temp for this meeting. Jed Callen has been duly sworn in.

Moderator Callen introduced Reverend Woody Woodland to give the invocation. He then introduced Selectmen, Dwight Lovejoy, Chairman, Rodney Towne and Christine Quirk, Town Administrator, Peter Flynn, Deputy Town Clerk, Cathy Strausbaugh, Supervisors of the checklist, Sarah Chapman, Chairperson, David Mudrick, Dottie Marden, Ballots Clerks, Nonah Poole and Jay Marden.

Moderator Callen explained the process of the meeting, that we will discuss debate and possibly amend the warrant articles to be placed on the official secret ballot to be cast on March 12, 2013.

He indicated that we will begin with Article 5 read by the moderator; someone will move the article and someone will second. There will be an opportunity to discuss and vote on the article. Only New Boston voters are allowed to speak and vote. If a non-voter wishes to speak he must be recognized by the moderator who will ask the voters if they will allow it. A speaker must be recognized by the moderator, comments must be directed to the Moderator. He asked that people be brief, civil and focused on the motion. A simple majority will control. If anyone wishes to amend they need to move to amend and have a second and the amendment must be in writing. An amendment can increase, decrease or change the article. You may not eliminate an article. A voter, may at any time, request clarification on a motion. A voter may call the question to cut off debate. It requires a 2/3 majority vote. Five voters in writing may request a secret ballot. The meeting will stop at that point and the Supervisors of the Checklist will set up a voting area and voting will commence on that article. The result will be announced by the moderator. At any time a voter may move to restrict reconsideration. This will insure that the article (s) may not be reconsidered at a later time.

**Article 5** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000)** for the purchase of land and buildings located on Map 6, Lot 10 (51.84 Acres) and Map 6, Lot 45 (109.760 Acres) and furthermore to authorize the issuance of not more than **eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000)** in bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of **one hundred thousand dollars**

**(\$100,000)** from the Conservation Fund to be applied to this purchase and furthermore to raise and appropriate an additional sum of sum of **thirty two thousand dollars (\$32,000)** for the legal, engineering and site preparation fees. **3/5<sup>th</sup> majority vote required for passage.**

Rodney Towne moved to accept the article as read and Christine Quirk seconded the motion. Rodney Towne spoke to the motion.

Mr. Towne explained that this is a parcel of land that is an old gravel pit that has lost its value for gravel. It is approximately 2 miles from the village. He explained that New Boston will not shrink in size but only grow. With that growth will come the need to expand services. Some of the things that this land could be used for include; school expansion, the possibility of a Municipal Building, Highway Department, Recreational Facility, Fire Department training facility or sub-station. The cost is \$900,000 which equates to about \$5,561 per acre. Do we have any need for it now? The answer is no, but the land is available now. There are currently 185 lots now approved for development in New Boston. The financing will come from the following, \$100,000 from New Boston's open space fund; \$800,000 from a ten year bond and \$32,000 from 2013 taxes. The tax impact will be: year 2013 \$.06, 2014 \$.14; 2015 \$.01 and downward. Some other options would be to sell some of it as commercial land and/or rent to a tenant who is already there. Mr. Towne explained that before any money exchanges hands the land will be tested to make sure there are no hazards that we do not know about, that the land is clean.

### **Discussion:**

Patrick Murphy, 249 Middle Branch Road

- Is this tied to the Regional Planning Commission in any way?
- No this is strictly New Boston. No one else is involved.

David Woodbury, McCurdy Road

- New Boston Open Space Committee had some input on this.
- The testing will be done professionally.

Moderator Callen asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote.

The Ayes have it and Article #5 will appear on the ballot.

**Article 6** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate as an **operating budget** not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriates voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth

therein, totaling **four million, two hundred twenty three thousand, three thousand seventy dollars (\$4,223,370)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **four million, one hundred thirty thousand, seven hundred forty two dollars (\$4,130,548)** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of New Boston or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget article doesn't contain appropriations contained in any other articles.

Dwight Lovejoy moved to accept the article as read and Rodney Towne seconded the motion. Rodney explained the article.

Mr. Towne explained that he felt it was important to hear the process. He thanked all Department Heads, the Capital Improvement Fund members and Finance Committee members along with the citizens who came to meeting. Mr. Towne indicated that all meetings are public forums. He went on to explain that the budget is divided into three components: the operating budget the Capital Improvement Articles and then all others. The budget is up \$162,000. The tax impact is \$.30 per \$1,000 evaluation. Things we do not have control over are insurance and retirement. The state now mandates that all towns put in 100% of retirement for their employees. He explained that in this budget we now have police protection 24 hours a day. We use Capital Reserve Funds to save money to help level out the tax rate. This allows us to not have spikes in the tax rate. Six articles are Capital Reserve Fund covering the Highway Department, Fire Department, Bridge maintenance replacement and the revaluation Fund. All other articles are based on need determined by the Selectmen.

### **Discussion:**

Marcel LaFlamme, 126 Lull Road

- I noticed that you have separated out the tax collection portion of the budget. This is different than in the past.
- This was a more open budget process. We pulled things out to make them easier to see.

Moderator Callen asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a vote. They Ayes have it and Article 6 will be placed on the ballot.

**Article 7** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** to be placed in the existing Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.

Christine Quirk moved to accept the article as written. Rodney Towne seconded the motion. Christine Quirk spoke to the article.

Moderator Callen asked if there was any further discussion, there being none he called for a vote. The Ayes have it and Article 7 will be placed on the ballot.

Glen Dickey 456 Francetown moved to restrict reconsideration on articles five, six and seven. David Mudrick seconded.

Moderator Callen called for a vote. The Ayes have it and Articles five, six and seven are restricted.

**Article 8** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)** for the purchase of a pre-owned 1994 Spartan Diamond MFD/3D four door pumper for the New Boston Fire Department.

Christine Quirk moved to accept the article as read and Dwight Lovejoy seconded. Christine Quirk spoke to the article. Moderator Callen asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a vote. The Ayes have it and Article 8 will be placed on the ballot.

Glen Dickey 54 McCurdy Road moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 8. Dan MacDonald, 101 Tucker Mill Road seconded. Moderator Callen called for a vote. The ayes have it and Article 8 is restricted.

**Article 9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** to be placed in the existing Transfer Station Machinery and Equipment Expendable Trust.

Dwight Lovejoy moved to accept the article as read and Christine Quirk seconded. Dwight Lovejoy spoke to the article. Moderator Callen asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a vote. The Ayes have it and Article 9 will be placed on the ballot.

**Article 10** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000)** to fund the final payment to purchase the Transfer Station Trailer to be used for compacting and hauling waste to incineration/landfill facility under contract to the Town and to meet the quality standards set forth by the Selectmen and Department Manager. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32.7, VI and will not lapse until the purchase is completed or by December 31, 2014.

Dwight Lovejoy moved to accept the article as read and Christine Quirk seconded. Dwight Lovejoy spoke to the article. Moderator Callen asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a vote. The Ayes have it and Article 10 will be placed on the ballot.

**Article 11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000)** to be placed in the existing Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

Dwight Lovejoy moved to accept the article as read and Rodney Towne seconded. Dwight Lovejoy spoke to the article. Moderator Callen asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a vote. The Ayes have it and Article 11 will be placed on the ballot.

Glen Dickey 54 McCurdy Road, moved to restrict reconsideration of Article 11 and Daniel Jamrog, 187 Lull Road seconded. Moderator Callen called for a vote. The Ayes have it and Article 11 is restricted for reconsideration.

**Article 12** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **sixty eight thousand dollars (\$68,000)** for the purchase of two pre-owned six wheel 2007 International 4300 Workstar dump trucks for the New Boston Highway Department and furthermore to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw **sixty eight thousand dollars (\$68,000)** from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. Said trucks are also equipped with front wing plows and universal sander bodies.

Dwight Lovejoy moved to accept the article as read and Rodney Towne seconded. Dwight Lovejoy spoke to the article. Moderator Callen asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a vote. The Ayes have it and Article 12 will be placed on the ballot.

**Article 13** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** to be placed in the existing Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Christine Quirk moved to accept the article as read and Dwight Lovejoy seconded. Christine Quirk spoke to the article. Moderator Callen asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a vote. The Ayes have it and Article 13 will be placed on the ballot.

**Article 14** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty five thousand dollars (\$85,000)** for the purpose of continuing improvements on Old Coach Road. This is a non-lapsing budget article until the project is complete or until December 31, 2014, whichever comes first.

Rodney Towne moved to accept the article as read and Dwight Lovejoy seconded. Rodney Towne spoke to the article. Moderator Callen asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for vote. The Ayes have it and Article 14 will be placed on the ballot.

**Article 15** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000)** for the purpose of repairing the Hilldale Lane Bridge and furthermore to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw **one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000)** from the Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose.

Dwight Lovejoy moved to accept the article as read and Christine Quirk seconded. Dwight Lovejoy spoke to the article. Moderator Callen asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a vote. The Ayes have it and Article 15 will be placed on the ballot.

**Article 16** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be added to the existing Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.

Rodney Towne moved to accept the article as read and Dwight Lovejoy seconded. Rodney Towne spoke to the article. Moderator Callen asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a vote. The Ayes have it and Article 16 will be placed on the ballot.

**Article 17** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** to be placed in the already established Riverdale Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund.

Christine Quirk moved to accept the article as read and Rodney Towne seconded. Christine Quirk spoke to the article. Moderator Callen asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a vote. The Ayes have it and Article 17 will be placed on the ballot.

**Article 18** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund to be used for the 2016 town wide revaluation.

Rodney Towne moved to accept the article as written and Christine Quirk seconded. Rodney Towne spoke to the article. Moderator Callen asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he called for a vote. The Ayes have it and Article 18 will be placed on the budget.

**Article 19** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**Discussion:**

- David Woodbury, 37 McCurdy Road. I noticed that there is a change in the way we budget for fire equipment and the two dump trucks. Are we entering a new era for the way we purchase our equipment?
- Rodney Towne, Selectman. There is no reason why we cannot pick up equipment at a very reasonable cost if we plan for it. We have been running our equipment for about 15 years. This is an experiment to see if we can get good value from equipment that other towns have retired after only 7 years.

Donald Chapman, 66 Francetown Road moved to adjourn the meeting. Laura Bernard, 43 Jessica Lane, seconded. Meeting adjourned.